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Marco Casassa MONT et al. :
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For: DIGITAL CREDENTIAL MONITORING

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following claim.

16. A method of providing a service between a first computer node having a connection to a second computer node, the method comprising; providing service for a second computer node from the first computer node via the connection; determining access to the service based upon a digital credential associated with the connection; varying access to the service over the connection in response to a change in the status of the digital credential.

REMARKS

Claim 16 has been added to provide applicants with the protection to which they are deemed entitled. Claim 16 is similar to claim 13 but does not require the positive step of establishing a connection. Claim 16 thus covers the possibility of a permanent connection established by the entity other than the entity or entities performing the remaining steps of the method. Claim 16 also does not require the connection to be via network. Entry is in order.

Respectfully submitted,

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